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| For : | Apparatus For Depositing A Low Work Function Material | | |

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Sir:

In response to a Notice of Abandonment mailed January 2, 2003, kindly consider the following:



Remarks

1. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed January 2, 2003.
2. The reason for abandonment was "Applicants' failure to timely pay the required issue fee within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance."
3. No Notice of Allowance has been received, and thus Applicants were not aware of an issue fee being due.
4. Applicants' file shows that the last communication received from the PTO was an Office Action mailed May 22, 2002, and an Amendment in response thereto was filed July 31, 2002.
5. It is requested that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn, and that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 9, 2003


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